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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel Claims 18-20.

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for treating allergic diseases, comprising remedy for allergic diseases obtained by mixing shoots of the plant belonging to the family Pinaceae mixed with water and saccharide and fermented ~~followed by spontaneous fermentation.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~remedy for allergic diseases according to~~ composition of Claim 1 wherein the plant belonging to the family Pinaceae is a plant belonging to genus Pinus.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~remedy for allergic diseases according to~~ composition of Claim 1 wherein the saccharide is sugar.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~remedy for allergic diseases according to~~ composition of Claim 1 wherein the allergic disease is asthma.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~remedy for allergic diseases according to~~ composition of Claim 1 wherein the allergic disease is atopic dermatitis.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~remedy for allergic diseases obtained by mixing~~ composition comprising shoots of pine leaves mixed with water and sugar and then fermented. ~~followed by spontaneous fermentation.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a remedy for allergic

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diseases, comprising a step of dissolving saccharides in sterilized water to prepare a solution containing dissolved saccharides, and a step of adding shoots of plants belonging to the family Pinaceae to the solution containing dissolved saccharides followed by ~~spontaneous~~-fermentation.

8. (Original) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7 wherein the plant belonging to the family Pinaceae is a plant belonging to the genus *Pinus*.

9. (Original) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7 wherein the saccharide is sugar.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7 wherein the ~~spontaneous~~ fermentation is conducted under anaerobic conditions at 10 to 70°C for 3 to 9 months.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases comprising a step of dissolving sugar in sterilized water to prepare a solution containing dissolved sugar, and a step of adding shoots of pine leaves to the solution containing dissolved sugar followed by ~~spontaneous~~ fermentation.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 11 wherein the ~~spontaneous~~ fermentation is conducted under anaerobic conditions at 10 to 70°C for 3 to 9 months.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases comprising a step of dissolving sugar in [hot] water to prepare a sugar aqueous solution cooled to ambient temperature, and a step of adding water-washed shoots of pine leaves to the sugar aqueous solution, placing the solution into a vessel and sealing the vessel followed by ~~spontaneous~~-fermentation.

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14. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7 wherein the ~~spontaneous~~-fermentation is conducted at 10 to 70°C for 3 to 9 months.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 11 wherein the spontaneous fermentation is conducted by placing the sealed vessel at a place receiving direct sunlight for three to nine months ~~until early winter~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A health food obtained by mixing shoots of plants belonging to the family Pinaceae with water and saccharide followed by ~~spontaneous~~ fermentation.

17. (Currently Amended) A health food obtained by mixing shoots of pine ~~leaves~~-with water and sugar followed by ~~spontaneous~~-fermentation.

Claims 18 – 20.

(Cancelled).